



Raising Good Digital Citizens

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Tips, Trends, New Tech, Policy, Research

- ConnectSafely: www.connectsafely.org → Tips for Parents & Teens
- Center on Media & Child Health: www.cmch.tv → Medical research-based tips on healthy media use (Harvard Medical, Children's Hospital Boston, Harvard School of Public Health)
- NetFamilyNews: www.netfamilynews.org → Weekly newsletter
- Internet Safety for Kids & Families: <http://internetsafety.trendmicro.com> → Blog on all things online safety, digital literacy & digital citizenship

Digital citizenship

- www.ikeepsafe.org/digital-citizenship/
- www.digitalcitizenship.net/Nine_Elements.html

Media age ratings

- CommonSenseMedia – www.commonsensemedia.org
- Family Friendly Video Games – www.familyfriendlyvideogames.com

Social Media Safety Tips:

- Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/safety/groups/parents/>
 - A Parents' Guide to Facebook: www.fbparents.com (from ConnectSafely)
- Flickr: <http://in.safely.yahoo.com/flickr-safety-guide-000000241.html>
- Instagram's Tips for Parents: <http://help.instagram.com/customer/portal/articles/615900-tips-for-parents>
- Twitter: <http://support.twitter.com/articles/470968-safety-tips-for-parents#>

Cards to go with the Wrapping Paper, from the Family Online Safety Institute

- <http://aplatformforgood.org/pages/holiday-safety-cards>



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Password tips from Connectsafely.org

- www.safekids.com/tips-for-strong-secure-passwords

Google Safe Search

- Overview: www.google.com/familysafety
- Settings: www.google.com/preferences

YouTube SafeMode

- www.youtube.com/safety

Filter content by age on Apple devices (iPads, iPhone, iPod Touch)

- Filter's apps, movies, music, tv shows by age: Go 2 Settings>Restrictions
- But Safari browser does not
Mobicip app: (\$4.99) –kid-friendly browser

Filter content by age on Android devices

- Native parental control filters hides apps w/ age filter (can be turned on/off)
- Trend Micro Mobile Security Personal Edition (Android Market) – also has a full suite of security features (block access to hacked sites, block spam/phishing text messages, & more)

Set-up email account for kids under 13

- flagrantdisregard.com/how-to-give-your-young-children-a-personalized-managed-email-address/

Report online grooming to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children

- Cyber Tipline: 1-800-THE-LOST or 1-800-843-5678

Texting Abbreviations

- Cyberbullying Research Ctr: www.cyberbullying.us/cyberbullying_chat_abbreviations.pdf

Free Trend Micro Security Tools

- Housecall.trendmicro.com → security scan of your PC/Mac
- Smart Surfing for iPhone/iPad/iTouch – block access to sites with a security risk (hacked, phishing/scam)
- Android app scanner (on Android market) → blocks you from downloading Android apps that are scams/phishing/security risks



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Some Tips on Cell Phones:

Before You Buy

- Do you need a smart phone or will a feature phone suffice? (Apps or not?)
- Cameras are included in most, so talk to your kids about appropriate use of the camera.
- Pre-paid phone options might be a good starting point.
- Browsers can be limited or disabled.
- Apps, music, games, etc. can be filtered by age
- Consider charge devices in a common family area at night.

The GPS feature

- Is useful for apps like Google Maps, OpenTable, etc.
- Can be used for phone or specific apps
- Adds tags to photos which can determine location of photo
- Needs to be on for geo-location services like FourSquare, Loopt, FB/Twitter check-ins

Remember:

- Turn off geo-tagging for the entire phones or specific apps if you're not comfortable w/ it
- Use the strongest privacy settings on geo-location services if you must use them
- There are family-friendly apps which help you track each other.

